

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-01078-CRC

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Assigned to: Judge Christopher R. Cooper

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 06/06/2017

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
06/06/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4979029) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons U.S. Attorney, # <u>3</u> Summons U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/06/2017)
06/06/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/06/2017)
06/07/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Christopher R. Cooper. (sb) (Entered: 06/07/2017)
06/07/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Consent Form)(sb) (Entered: 06/07/2017)
06/16/2017	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Johnny Hillary Walker, III on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 06/16/2017)
06/19/2017	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/12/2017. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/12/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 6/12/2017., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS served on 6/14/2017 (Attachments: # <u>1</u>

		Declaration of Cristina Rotaru)(Orfanedes, Paul) (Entered: 06/19/2017)
07/06/2017	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 07/06/2017)
07/06/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Before the Court in this FOIA case are <u>1</u> a complaint and <u>6</u> an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for briefing or disclosure by July 21, 2017. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 7/6/2017. (lccrc2) (Entered: 07/06/2017)
07/07/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 7/21/2017 (lsj) (Entered: 07/07/2017)
07/21/2017	<u>7</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 07/21/2017)
07/25/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>7</u> parties' Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall continue searching for, reviewing, and releasing responsive records to Plaintiff on a rolling basis. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or by September 19, 2017 informing the Court of the status of Defendant's response. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 7/25/2017. (lccrc2) (Entered: 07/25/2017)
07/25/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/19/2017 (hs) (Entered: 07/25/2017)
09/19/2017	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 09/19/2017)
09/21/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>8</u> the parties' Joint Status Report it is ORDERED that the Defendant shall continue making rolling productions to Plaintiff and that the parties shall file a further Joint Status Report on December 18, 2017 updating the Court on the status of production and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 9/21/2017. (lccrc2) (Entered: 09/21/2017)
09/21/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/18/2017 (lsj) (Entered: 09/21/2017)
12/18/2017	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. (Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 12/18/2017)
12/22/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>9</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are hereby directed to file another joint status report by February 7, 2018. The status report shall propose a definitive date for completing production and, if necessary, a briefing schedule for summary judgment. Defendant is also directed to continue making rolling production to Plaintiff on a monthly basis, with productions due January 8, 2018 and February 7, 2018. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 12/22/2017. (lccrc2) (Entered: 12/22/2017)
12/27/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 2/7/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 12/27/2017)
12/27/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Meet & Confer Statement due by 1/8/2018. (lsj) (Entered: 12/27/2017)
02/07/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 02/07/2018)
02/13/2018		MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>10</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that defendant shall complete its releases to plaintiff by June 30, 2018. The parties shall file a joint status report by April 20, 2018 updating the Court on the status of production. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 2/13/2018. (lccrc2) (Entered: 02/13/2018)
02/13/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/20/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 02/13/2018)
04/20/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 04/20/2018)
04/24/2018		MINUTE ORDER: In light of <u>11</u> the parties' joint status report, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall complete its releases to Plaintiff by July 30, 2018. The parties are directed to file a further joint status report by August 29, 2018

		informing the Court whether any disputes remain and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 4/24/2018. (lccrc2) Modified on 4/24/2018 (zlsj). (Entered: 04/24/2018)
04/24/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 8/29/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 04/24/2018)
07/27/2018	<u>12</u>	MOTION to Modify <i>the Scheduling Order</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 07/27/2018)
07/30/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>12</u> Defendant's Motion to Modify Production Schedule and vacating scheduling order entered on April 24, 2018. Defendant shall now complete its releases by November 30, 2018. The parties shall now file a joint status report by December 28, 2018 informing the Court whether any disputes remain and, if necessary, proposing a briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Christopher R. Cooper on 7/30/2018. (lccrc2) (Entered: 07/30/2018)
07/30/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/28/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 07/30/2018)
11/30/2018	<u>13</u>	Consent MOTION to Modify <i>the Scheduling Order</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Walker, Johnny) (Entered: 11/30/2018)